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Stuffed Full and Stuffing Stockings

If you're like many after Thanksgiving, you're probably stuffed, and perhaps had to loosen your belt a notch. Now it's time to stuff the stocking by the chimney with care, and watch our favorite holiday shows that soon will be aired.

Ever wondered what "Roast Beast" tasted like, as the Whos in Whoville dined on Roast Beast? At least they dined once "the Grinch's heart grew three sizes that day," the day he came to recognize the true spirit of giving, in How the Grinch Stole Christmas.

If animation isn't your taste, perhaps a classic black and white, It's a Wonderful Life, where an Angel, Clarence Oddbody, says to George Bailey, "Strange, isn't it? Each man's life touches so many other lives. When he isn't around he leaves an awful hole, doesn't he?"

Still another holiday favorite might be in Kris Kringle, who brings peace between rival department stores, as well as to holiday shoppers, in the Miracle on 34th Street. When Kris received a bonus from Macy's for being employed to play Santa Claus, remember how he used that bonus? He bought an x-ray machine to give to Dr. Pierce.

What do these three holiday TV classics have in common? The spirit of giving. The Grinch had nothing before he stole from others. When he gave back, he experienced great love and joy from the Whos. The Whos gave of their bounty sharing with the Grinch as they dined and celebrated; they knew it wasn't about "packages, boxes or bags." Kris gave his bonus, so that Dr. Pierce could have his x-ray machine. And what of George Bailey, in his hour of need, the entire town came to the Bailey home and donated more than enough money to cover the missing deposit funds. It's truly a wonderful life to give as illustrated in these television classics.

There's still time to show "We Make It Possible" before the CFC closes. I hope that you will touch so many other lives. Thank you.

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